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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT MESSAGES

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1. PROVIDED BELOW ARE THE TEXTS OF OVERFLIGHT MESSAGES  
DRAFTED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE MESSAGES FOR ASCENSION  
ISLANDS AND BERMUDA HAVE NOT RECEIVED CLEARANCES FROM THE  
NSC. MESSAGES FOR BENIN, TOGO, GHANA, IVORY COAST AND  
CAPE VERDE HAVE RECEIVED NSC CLEARANCE.

2. ASCENSION ISLANDS: GOVERNOR, JAMESTOWN, ST. HELENA  
AS I OVERFLY ASCENSION ISLAND, I WANTED TO CONVEY TO  
YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF ASCENSION AND ST. HELENA MY WARM  
GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE. SINCERELY,  
JIMMY CARTER

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3. BERMUDA: SIR PETER RAMSBOTHAM, GOVERNOR, HAMILTON,  
BERMUDA

DEAR SIR PETER: AS I OVERFLY BERMUDA ON MY RETURN FROM  
AFRICA, I WANTED TO GIVE YOU, PREMIER GIBBONS, AND THE  
PEOPLE OF BERMUDA MY WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR  
THE FUTURE. EACH YEAR, BERMUDA PROVIDES AN HOSPITABLE

WELCOME TO THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN VISITORS DRAWN BY THE WARMTH OF ITS PEOPLE AND THE CHARM OF THE ISLAND AND ITS CLIMATE. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU IN PURSUIT OF OUR COMMON INTERESTS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.

4. GHANA: DEAR GENERAL ACHEAMPONG: AS MY AIRCRAFT PASSES OVER YOUR COUNTRY, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF GHANA THE BEST WISHES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THIS TRIP TO AFRICA, THE FIRST BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT IN OVER THIRTY YEARS, REFLECTS MY OWN INTENSE INTEREST IN AFRICA AND OUR APPRECIATION OF THE GLOBAL IMPORTANCE OF ITS WORLD ASPIRATIONS. THE UNITED STATES HAS IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND HISTORICAL TIES WITH GHANA, TIES WHICH I HOPE CAN BE STRENGTHENED IN THE YEARS AHEAD. WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL IGNATIUS KUTU ACHEAMPONG, CHAIRMAN, SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, REPUBLIC OF GHANA.

5. CAPE VERDE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS MY AIRCRAFT PASSES OVER THE REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF CAPE VERDE THE BEST WISHES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY CLOSE TIES OF KINSHIP AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE STRENGTHENING AND ENLARGEMENT OF OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONS IN THE YEARS AHEAD. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT ARISTIDES PEREIRA, REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE.

6. TOGO: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON THE OCCASION OF MY FIRST TRIP TO AFRICA I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF TOGO THE BEST WISHES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS TO FOSTER REGIONAL COOPERATION IN WEST AFRICA, AND TO ENCOURAGE GREATER HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE THROUGHOUT AFRICA ARE ADMIRERD AND APPRECIATED. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING AND BROADENING OF OUR WARM RELATIONS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. HIS EXCELLENCY GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO, LOME.

7. IVORY COAST: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS MY AIRCRAFT PASSES OVER YOUR COUNTRY I AM REMINDED OF THE CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG ENJOYED WITH THE IVORY COAST. YOUR WISE COUNSEL AND EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF STRENGTH TO ME AS OUR GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED ITS ENERGIES AND RESOURCES TOWARDS A NEW SPIRIT OF INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED

CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH YOU AS WE SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS  
TO THE CONFLICTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE HORN. WITH

EVERY GOOD WISH AND WARM REGARDS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER  
HIS EXCELLENCY FELIX HOUPOUET-BOIGNY, PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF IVORY COAST, ABIDJAN.

8. BENIN: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS MY AIRCRAFT PASSES  
OVER YOUR COUNTRY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO YOU,  
AND THE PEOPLE OF BENIN THE BEST WISHES OF THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE FOR THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF BENIN. SINCERELY,  
JIMMY CARTER. HIS EXCELLENCY MATIEU KEREKOU, PRESIDENT  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN, COTONOU.

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